



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/24/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
10/24/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/16/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratio Capacity					
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	0	0	1	0
1 & 2 Years	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	4	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	7	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Total Children: 9					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/24/2024

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(08)(1),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Allergy/Medical Information - (08)(4)

Child # 7

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(08)(1),Release Person Information - (08)(10)

Child # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10), Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4)

Child # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4)

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of children's records that all required information was not on file in each child's record. Addresses for the persons to whom each child could be released was not in the files for Child No. 7 and Child No. 8. Additionally, information for both parents work and address and number was not included in the file for Child No. 2, and information for both parents was not on file for Child No. 7.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(11) requires that if the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients, the Home must notify the Parent of each Child under the care of the program in writing. Each Parent must acknowledge receipt of such notice, and a copy of the acknowledgement shall be kept in the Child's file. It was determined based on a review of children's records that a form acknowledging notice of liability insurance was not on file for two of the six children present during the visit. The records for Child No. 2 and Child No. 7 were missing the required acknowledgement.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(4) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program. Please ensure that no items are left blank on children's enrollment forms that include required information. Please have parents correct their child's enrollment forms for Child No. 5, Child No. 8, and Child No. 9.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

Home observed complete emergency drills

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

Corrected on 10/24/2024

.13(1)(e) - Outlets not in use were observed to be covered.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Provider is having stump removed left from tree that was blown over due to damages from Hurricane Helene on September 24, 2024. Provider is taking measures to keep unsafe areas inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2024

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(b) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable be securely anchored to eliminate accidents or injuries. Please anchor the new gray climber according to manufacturer's recommendation. Provider is waiting to get repairs completed due to damage caused by Hurricane Helene on September 24, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2024

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) - Please add a minimum of six inches of resilient material beneath and in the fall zone of the new gray climber that has been placed on the playground. This is the recommended amount of resilient material for equipment greater than five feet tall. Provider is waiting to get repairs completed due to damage caused by Hurricane Helene on September 24, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2024

Food Service**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL <http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

The lunch served during the visit included chicken, corn, peaches, rolls, and milk.

Health and Hygiene**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(d) prohibits Personnel from dispensing prescription or nonprescription medications to a Child without specific written authorization from the Child's physician or Parent. All medications shall be stored as authorized by Georgia law or in accordance with the prescription or label instructions and kept in places that are inaccessible to children. Each dose of medication given to a Child shall be documented showing the Child's name, name of medication, date and time given, and the name of the person giving the medication. An incident that occurred in March, 2024, was discovered during a review of the children's records, which was over six months earlier. Documentation for medication was discussed with Provider and Technical Assistance noted due to the incident being over six month in the past.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024

Licensure**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline**290-2-3-.11 Animals****Met****Comment**

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

Corrected on 10/24/2024

.21(1)(a) - Background checks were complete for all residents and adults present at the Family Child Care Learning Home.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

Corrected on 10/24/2024

.21(1)(m)3. - Background checks were complete for all residents and adults present at the Family Child Care Learning Home.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)	Met
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Comment

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)	Met
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Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.